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16	Tamil Nadu Including Pondicherry	12289
17	Uttar Pradesh	20485
18	West Bengal Including Sikkim & A & N Islands . . .	4283
	TOTAL:	163655

Instaflation telephone connection

2. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the course open when a person who has booked a telephone connection with the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited does not get the same installed on being sanctioned on his turn;

(b) what is the procedure when the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited does not inform the person who has booked a telephone and shifted somewhere else of which he informs the Nigam in writing but a telephone connection is sanctioned at the old address.

(c) the reasons for charging rent for safe custody and the steps taken to amend the rules that permit the charging of the rent from the people; and

(d) the justification thereof and the reasons for not passing that connection to the person next in the queue and to release a connection in the name of the subscriber who opts for that subsequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, If a person, who has booked a telephone with Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, does not get the same installed on being sanctioned on his turn, he can opt to keep the telephone under safe custody of MTNL.

(b) The person, who has informed Nigam in writing about shifting to new address, will normally be intimated the new registration number in the new exchange. If he fails to receive the new registration number, he may approach the concerned Commercial Officer of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. The applicant will be sanctioned a telephone at his new address when his turn matures in the exchange area of his new address.

(c) and (d) The department has done planning and incurred expenditure on external plant to provide a telephone connection to the applicant. If the applicant does not opt for the telephone connection immediately and wants to avail the same after some period, there is a provision for keeping the telephones under safe custody. The Department levies charges for sofe custody for that period as per rules. In general a cable pair planned to be provided at the address of one customer will not be utilisable for another address.

Misuse of telephone lines by companies

3. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of misuse of telephone lines by certain companies in the city with the connivance of linemen have recently come to light;